

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
August 2018

Dear Friends of Emory UMC,

It is getting close to that time of year again when we begin to welcome E&H students back to our community. I know you don't always hear from them, but I have received wonderful compliments from our students over the years. We really do provide a "home away from home" for many of them, and we do so by conscientiously extending welcome and hospitality.

We will kick-off our fall programming by welcome new E&H students to worship on Sunday, August 26. We will offer a breakfast in the Cole Parlor beginning at 9am. For this first breakfast, we will all pitch in to bring a variety of breakfast items (e.g., muffins, casseroles, fruits, etc.). The church will provide coffee, juice, and supplies. Please just bring what sounds good to you and join us!

I hope you might also consider helping with our weekly breakfast rotation. We have teams of volunteers who set up on Sunday morning by 9am in Cole Parlor. The church provides juices and supplies; the coffee is on site but needs to be made by the volunteers. Teams are asked to help once a month and to bring breads, fruits, casseroles, etc. If you can help with this, please let me know at djackson@ehc.edu, and we will include you in the rotation.

We will also sponsor our annual E&H Welcome Week Ice Cream Social on Tuesday evening, August 28 on the church lawn. We need volunteers to arrive at 7:30 pm to help set-up and scoop.

In other news:

- **Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions:** The S.P.A.R.Q. small group ministry will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive – Emory); everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come at 5:45 for a fellowship time.
- **Half Century** will meet at the Old Mill in Damascus on Wednesday, August 8, at Noon. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net.

- **The Older Adults** will travel to the Creation Kingdom Zoo in Snowflake, VA, on Tuesday, August 28; details about the trip will be announced soon.
- **Guest Preacher:** David and family will be traveling to a wedding the weekend of August 18 and 19. Dr. James Dawsey will be our special guest preacher on August 19.
- **Stay Connected:** The Emory UMC worship service is rebroadcast on WEHC 90.7 FM at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with a one week delay. If you are not able to make it to church, tune in to WEHC and join us for worship. Also, please visit our website at <http://emoryumchurch.org>.
- **Weekly Food Donations:** Everyone is invited to bring donated food to worship each Sunday morning. We collect the food in a bin as we enter the sanctuary and it is delivered to the Glade Spring Food Pantry during the week.

We the people of the Emory United Methodist Church affirm that our church is inclusive and open to all people. We are a Reconciling Congregation, affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network, which means that we welcome all persons into full participation in the life of our congregation regardless of age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marriage status, or physical or mental condition.

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August Volunteers

Liturgists: Elizabeth Wicht (Aug. 5); Susan Stanley (Aug. 12); Tom Hower (Aug. 19); Mary-Margaret Justis (Aug. 26).